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BISHOP WM. M. WIGHTMAN, *President.*
F. MILTON KENNEDY, *Secretary.*
OSGOOD A. DARBY, SAMUEL LANDER, WM. C. POWER. } *Assistant Secretaries.*

THE Conference met in the Presbyterian Church, Bishop Wightman in the Chair. The sessions were daily opened with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer. The regular Disciplinary business was attended to as follows:

QUESTION I. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER. Thomas E. Wannamaker, L. Charles Loyal, William Thomas, Marcus G. Tuttle.

QUES. II. *Who remain on trial?*

ANS. Silas P. H. Elwell, Squire M. Davis, Maxwell H. Hoyle, Reuben L. Duffie, Robert M. Harrison, John J. Prather.

QUES. III. *Who are admitted into full connexion?*

ANS. Joseph R. Griffith.

Ques. IV. *Who are re-admitted?*

Ans. Augustus R. Bennick.

Ques. V. *Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?*

Ans. None.

Ques. VI. *Who are the Deacons of one year?*

Ans. John B. Platte, James C. Crisp, Joseph B. Traywick.

Ques. VII. *What traveling preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?*

Ans. None.

Ques. VIII. *What local preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?*

Ans. William K. Breeden, William R. Buchanan, Samuel B. Hutchings, elected and ordained. John B. Griffin, Jonas S. Montgomery, elected, but not ordained. Richard M. Valentine, Franklin Brown, William Tucker, Amos Johnson, colored, elected and ordained. Elbert Jones, colored, elected, but not ordained.

Ques. IX. *What traveling preachers are elected and ordained Elders?*

Ans. Samuel Lander, John Attaway.

Ques. X. *What local preachers are elected and ordained Elders?*

Ans. David L. Whitaker, elected and ordained. James M. Herlong, Edmond K. Price, Edmond S. Lupo, elected, but not ordained. Richard M. Valentine, colored, elected and ordained.

Ques. XI. *Who have located this year?*

Ans. Lewis M. Hamer, James W. Coward, John H. C. McKinney.

Ques. XII. *Who are Supernumerary?*

Ans. Robert B. Tarrant, Thomas Mitchell, Edward J. Pennington, Charles Betts, Allen McCorquodale, Abner Ervin, Jeremiah J. Snow, Samuel B. Jones, George W. M. Creighton, Francis M. Morgan, Robert C. Oliver, Whiteford Smith, Martin L. Banks, Oliver Eady, Joseph Parker, Lewis A. Johnson, Willis S. Halton, Robert B. Allston, Thomas A. Boone, Aaron G. Stacy.

Ques. XIII. *Who are Superannuated?*

Ans. Alexander L. Smith, David Derrick, Nicholas Talley, Joel W. Townsend, Wm. C. Patterson, Alexander W. Walker.

Ques. XIV. *What preachers have died during the past year?*

The Rev. Bond English, was born in Kershaw District, South

Carolina, January 31st, 1797, and departed this life, at his residence, near Sumter, South Carolina, 4th March, 1868.

For forty-eight years our departed brother was an earnest, successful, honored minister of Christ. In eighteen hundred and fourteen he was converted to God. Six years afterwards, in 1820, he obeyed, what he felt to be, the "Holy Ghost," moving him to take upon himself the "office and work of the ministry," and was licensed to preach. In 1821, he was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Roberts, in 1823, and admitted into full connection. Two years afterwards he was ordained elder by the same Bishop.

From the time of his admission to the Conference until death ended his labors and his cares, brother English labored with unabated zeal in his Master's vineyard. He passed through the many years of his ministry with unblemished character, and has left a noble record upon the pages of our history as a Church in South Carolina. It was a true remark made by a writer, when the death of our beloved brother was first announced, "A great man has fallen!" He was indeed a great man. His was true nobility of nature. His talents commanded for him the highest regard of his brethren, and the respect of all who knew him, whether in the communion of his own church or in that of others. His brethren manifested their regard for his abilities by entrusting him with every position of responsibility within their gift. He was pastor, and presiding elder at different times. In 1832, he was elected delegate to the General Conference. In 1840, he was elected one of the reserve delegates. In whatever position he was placed, he nobly met the responsibilities devolving upon him, and sustained his high character as a minister. Wherever he labored, his name is "as ointment poured forth." A clear expositor of the word of God, practical, yet earnest and eloquent as a preacher, he was eminently successful in winning souls to Christ, and building up the Church of God. His spiritual children are in every part of the South Carolina Conference; and many will weep the departure of a friend and brother—a father in Christ—as they read these lines, which pay so imperfect a tribute to the memory of the beloved English.

This minister of the Lord has fallen—fallen at his post. He dies, gloriously as the heroic christian soldier might wish to die,

with his armor on, his face to the foe, and is now resting from his labors.

"Servant of God well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won—
Enter thy Master's joy!"

The Rev. Hartwell Spain, was born in Wake County, North Carolina, February 10th, 1795; was converted to God in August, 1810, licensed to preach November, 1816, and admitted into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1816. At that time the vast extent of our Conference territory, and the large size of our circuits, made the labors of an itinerant preacher not only arduous, but often extremely difficult, while the odium which attached to the very name of Methodist gave no promise of those supports which a generous public sympathy might afford to the humble laborer in the Master's vineyard. But our fathers in the ministry were sustained in their toil and operations by higher and holier consolations. The presence of their Lord, according to His promise, "Lo! I am with you always," the mighty working of the Holy Ghost in their own hearts, and the glorious displays of His power accompanying the word preached, together with the prospect of the final reward of their fidelity in the eternal kingdom of their Lord and Saviour, these were the ennobling considerations which lightened the burden of their labor, and made them equal to the greatness of their task, and superior to the scorn and contempt of the world.

Having served successively the Bush River, Ocmulgee and Sugar Creek Circuits, and the Fayetteville Station, the health of brother Spain demanded rest, and, in 1821, he was placed on the Superannuated list. In the following year he located, and sustained, this relation to the church till 1828, when renewing his connection with the Conference he was appointed to the Lincolnton Circuit, which he served for two years. The four years which followed he spent as Presiding Elder of the Lincolnton District. In 1834, he was stationed in Columbia, and the year following was appointed to the Cokesbury Circuit. In 1836, he was one of the Conference agents for the Cokesbury School; and, in 1837, he again held a superannuated relation. In 1838, he was made Presiding Elder of the Columbia District, where he labored four years. In 1842, he was stationed in Charleston, and in the following year he traveled the Santee

Circuit. This closed his active and effective itinerant career, and from that time to his departure hence he sustained a superannuated relation.

This Conference honored our brother by electing him to the General Conference of 1832, and as a reserve delegate in 1836, 1840 and 1849. In 1840, he supplied the place of our venerated brother W. M. Kennedy, who died before the session of the General Conference.

The closing scenes of his life are best given in the language of his daughter.

"It is not in my power to describe the holy calm and christian triumph with which he met his last enemy. His health failed so rapidly from the summer of 1867, that it was apparent to all, and to none more so than to himself, that he could not live long. For months before his death his theme was Heaven; his Bible his constant companion; he ripened daily for Heaven. When asked by one of his grand children why he read his Bible so constantly, he replied: 'My son, I see new beauties in the word of God every day.' As his time grew short he repeated many verses of Scripture. The 23d Psalm, was constantly on his lips. A few nights before he died, as I stood by his bedside, after saying a great deal about Heaven, he repeated the 23d Psalm, and that beautiful hymn the 'Dying Christian.' Almost the last thing he said was: 'I am not afraid to die, for I have a bright hope of rest in Heaven.' Is it not remarkable that he should speak constantly of his mother during her last illness? He spoke constantly of his re-union with his dear wife who had shared his joys and sorrows for 42 years; of his children who had gone before; and of a dear little grand child of whom he was very fond. Is it improper in connection with this subject to say, that much credit is due my dear sainted mother for his zeal and success in the ministry? He had a large family and often found it difficult to provide the necessaries of life, but my dear mother encouraged him with her unwavering faith, firm confidence in the special Providence of God, her meek, quiet, uncomplaining temper. He breathed his last, March 9th, 1868, at the residence of his son-in-law, Dr. T. W. Briggs, Clarendon, S. C., in the 74th year of his age. He died without a struggle; he fell asleep in Jesus. His remains now rest at Summerton, in the rear of the pulpit in which he so long and so faithfully preached Christ."

The ministry of brother Spain was distinguished by great earnestness and power, and the unction of the Holy Spirit. At times, when thoroughly warmed by his subject, he became truly eloquent, and many who still live will remember the strong impressions made upon their hearts by the word he preached. A halo of glory seemed to surround him, and a gleam of inspiration beamed from his countenance, when, with a full heart, he poured forth the burning words of exhortation, or dwelt enraptured on the blessed hopes of the life to come.

He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

The Rev. Alexius Mador Foster, long and favorably known as a member of the South Carolina Conference, died on the 28th of October, at the home of his son-in-law, Rev. James F. Smith, near Cokesbury, Abbeville District, S. C. He was born November 19th, 1787, in Brunswick County, N. C., and, consequently, at his death lacked but a few days of 81 years of age. He was born again in 1808, and thus a child of God for 60 years. Licensed to preach in the town of Wilmington, June, 1809, he was near 60 years a minister in holy things—28 years in the local ranks and 32 a travelling preacher—17 of the 32 active: 15 superanuated. As a local minister and teacher in the high schools of the day, he was connected with, and a promoter of, the educational interests of the church and country and was very useful and successful; and those 28 years were not spent in vain, and bear a good record upon high. His traveling ministry beginning with his first appointment to the Yorkville Circuit in 1837, and ending with his last, the Aiken Station, in 1858, is graciously borne witness to by many now living in and out of the Conference. As superannuated, when no longer able to bear up under the heavy burdens of an active ministry, he labored from time to time and from place to place as far as his health and circumstances permitted, so much so, that he might almost be said to "cease at once, to work and live." It would be very difficult to form a correct idea of the influence and usefulness of a ministry like his extending over a period of more than 59 years. In the early days of his ministry he had been associated with such men as Bishops Asbury, McKendre, George and Emory. He was the personal friend of the Capers's, McPhersons, Kennedy, Spain, English and others of that stamp, who belonged to the heroic age of Methodism and left their impress upon the

church and world—*names* that we will not willingly let die. As a man he was pious and devotional, pure and incorruptible, firm and decided, possessing all the elements that make up a properly independent character. As a preacher, his style was plain and without ornament, but always exhibiting a clear and strong common sense view of his subject. In his pulpit efforts he had the *rare quality of brevity*, but instructive and edifying terse and pithy. He really belonged to the old school of Methodist preachers in everything—manners, dress, simplicity, and thus became one of the most interesting links between the past and present generations of our preachers. We bow our heads with reverence before such forms; and our hearts are filled with gratitude to Almighty God while we call to mind the memories of such men. Their lives were a blessing to the church and their memories remain a precious legacy which we, their sons in the Gospel, will most gladly cherish and properly perpetuate. "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance." The end of a life so long and faithfully spent for the church, could not well be otherwise than gentle, peaceful and tranquil; often expressing an abiding confidence in Christ, the

> "Unshaken Rock, the pilgrim's shade—
> The soldier's fortress, tower."

Often longing for his release and stretching his anxious vision toward the christian's future and happy home. So lived and so died Alexius Mador Foster; one of the oldest, if not the oldest member of this body. His remains now lie along with his grandchildren in the quiet Cemetery of a country church, Andrew Chapel, near Cokesbury, and his reward is with *Him*, who has said:

> "Them that honor me, I will honor."

The Rev. James Stacy, was born in Lincolnton, N. C., November 18th, 1807; was converted in September, 1822; licensed to preach in July, 1829; and admitted into the South Carolina Conference, January, 1830. Died in the town of Sumter, S. C., May 1st, 1868.

Brother James Stacy has fairly won for himself, by *thirty-eight* years of laborious and unremitting labor, the title of "Father;" and by his superior ability and usefulness as a preacher, that of a prophet or teacher in our Israel. In labors he was "abundant,"

and in firmness and fixedness of purpose he had few equals, and perhaps not a superior among his brethren. With a constitution naturally delicate, and a temperament nervous in the extreme, he was subjected to many trials in our itinerant work, from which he might have shrunk, had he not also possessed that determination of character which enabled him to surmount every obstacle and remain firmly at his post until the last hour of his life. It is the deliberate judgment of many of his brethren, that had he yielded a few years ago to the suggestions of his friends, and rested awhile from the active duties of the ministry, his valuable life might have been prolonged for a few years at least. He would listen to no counsels but the promptings of conscience, and desired no rest but that of the grave.

Converted to God in early life, he consecrated himself entirely to the service of his Master; and by prayer, reading, and study, he soon developed his mental powers to such a degree, that, whilst the freshness of youth was still upon him, our Bishops esteemed him worthy to be placed in charge of important points in our Conference District. In this they were not disappointed.

He was aware of the constitutional tendencies of his nature, and his life was a prolonged struggle against them, and he triumphed. Tamer natures might not be able to appreciate the contest, and the victory; but those who knew him well are prepared to testify, that a nobler, more self-possessed and sincerely pious man and minister, they have rarely met. He was grave almost to sternness, and yet there were hours of relaxation in which he would unbend himself to his brethren with a graceful and christian cheerfulness.

He had a high sense of personal and ministerial propriety, and never allowed himself to be betrayed into unseemly levity or imprudencies of conduct.

His mental powers were much above mediocrity; and whilst he was not distinguished for any one shining quality, his mind was well developed and well balanced in every direction. Sound judgment and common sense were pre-eminently his distinguishing characteristics.

His perceptions were quick, and his power of analysis keen and searching. His sermons were clear expositions of the text, and generally able and exhaustive. He stood in the front rank of the preachers of the South Carolina Conference. This place he main-

tained for years. It should be added, that his preaching was always earnest—sometimes eloquent—and generally attended by the divine unction from the Spirit of all grace. He sought always to glorify God, and bring his hearers to the knowlege of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

As a pastor, he was diligent and laborious. Many souls saved by grace through his pastoral efforts have preceded him to the Kingdom of Glory to which he has gone. As an administrative officer, he excelled, and has left the impress of his far reaching views, and practical common sense, on many of the interests of the Conference and church. He was one of the originators of the financial system of this Conference, and always a member of the Board, and its Chairman for several years before, and at the time of his death. It will be remembered by this Conference, with what carefulness and precision he managed this important interest of the church.

Several times a member of the General Conference, he served the the church with ability and fidelity in this her highest legislative council. But perhaps we cannot obtain a clearer view of the esteem in which he was held by this Conference and our Presiding Bishops, than by referring to the successive appointments which he filled for more than one-third of a century within its bounds.

He was admitted on trial at the close of 1830; ordained deacon, 1832, and elder 1834; 1831, he was appointed to Morganton Circuit; 1832, he was appointed to Enoree Circuit; 1833, he was appointed to Laurens Circuit; 1834, he was appointed to Pendleton Circuit; 1835, he was appointed to Cheraw Station; 1836, he was appointed to Camden Station; 1837, he was appointed to Georgetown Station; 1838 and 1839, he was appointed to Fayetteville Station; 1840, he was appointed agent for the Cokesbury School, and R. M. College; 1841, he was appointed to Charleston; 1842, he was appointed to Wilmington N. C.; 1843 and 1844, appointed to Trinity, Charleston; 1845 and 1846, appointed to Cheraw District, P. E.; 1847 and 1848, appointed to Fayetteville District, P. E.; 1849, appointed to Columbia Station; 1850, appointed to Trinity Station, Charleston; 1851 and 1852, appointed to Georgetown Station; 1853 and 1854, appointed to Marion Station; 1855 and 1856, to Camden Station; 1857, appointed to Charlotte Station; 1858, and 1859, appointed to Cumberland Charleston;

1860, appointed to Orangeburg District, P. E.; 1861 and 1862, appointed to Spartanburg Station; 1863, appointed to Bethel and Spring Street, Charleston; 1864, appointed to Concord Station; 1865, appointed to Charlotte Station; 1866, appointed to Pineville Circuit; 1867 and 1868, appointed to Sumter Station.

In this latter place, after struggling like a christian hero, against the inroads of disease, and utterly refusing to relax his efforts as long as he was able to stand, or preach, he gradually sank to the peaceful rest of the grave on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1868.

His last illness was long and painful—so painful, that his excellent wife, in writing to a friend and relative concerning it, holds this language: "He suffered so much that I felt at one time it would be sweet to see him die—especially when I would fear that he would lose his mind. "*I knew not how hard it would be to say that long good bye.*" All this he bore with patient resignation to the will of God. During his illness he said to his devoted wife, "You will write to the Conference, and tell my brethren *I am a sinner saved by grace.* I regret that I have not done more, but I have a consciousness that I have done the best I could." She adds further: "He complained of sore throat on Wednesday and Thursday, and swallowed with great difficulty, and talked very little. Occasionally he would repeat passages of Scripture, and lines of Hymns, as if he were talking to himself. The last that he said, was 'Harvest Home— *Welcome—The Lord is my righteousness.*' "

"He appeared to be dying all Thursday night, and breathed his last about half-past eleven o'clock on Friday." "He appeared to be conscious to the last moment, but his tongue was paralyzed, which prevented his talking; his pulse was very strong. His eye was very bright and was not dimmed in death."

What though the arm of conquering death
Does God's own house invade—
What though the Prophet and the Priest
Be numbered with the dead—

Though earthly Shepherd's dwell in dust,
The aged, and the young,
The watchful eye in darkness closed,
And mute the instructive tongue:

The *Eternal* Shepherd still survives,
New comfort to impart;
His eye still guides us, and his voice
Still animates our heart."

The Rev. John Piper Morris was born in Devon, England, January 30th, 1846. The most of his early life was spent in Hamilton, Canada, whither his father emigrated while John was yet a child. He was carefully and piously trained from infancy, and under these influences gave his heart to God when but ten years of age. Sometime after this his interest in spiritual things seem to have declined, but at the age of seventeen years, under a gracious revival of religion that visited the church where he worshipped, he re-consecrated his heart and life to God. Not long after his reclamation, he declared his conviction that he was called of God to preach, and guided by the sound counsels of his father, himself a local minister of the Wesleyan Church, he commenced preparing for the work.

While thus engaged, it pleased God to afflict him with bleeding of the lungs—premonitory symptom of that insidious disease which had carried his mother to a premature grave. His physician advised his removal to the Southern States, and the Providence of God directed him to the field where he labored during the brief period he was permitted to exercise his ministry. On his arrival in Charleston, he was advised by his physician to abandon the pulpit as the only means of prolonging his life. His decision of this matter reveals his character. After a few days spent in prayerful consideration, he announced to a friend, "I have deliberately resolved, that if my life lasts but one year, I will spend that year in preaching the Gospel." Prophetic words! how soon to be fulfilled!

Pursuing his purpose, he engaged at once to supply a vacancy in the village of Summerville, where his labors were crowned with great success, and thirty members were brought into the church. At the session of the South Carolina Conference, held in Marion, December 1866, he was received on trial and appointed to Aiken. Here his pulpit efforts were highly gratifying to his appreciative congregation, and he was soon endeared in a remarkable manner to the whole community.

At the last Conference he was examined on the studies of the first and second years, giving evidence of extraordinary learning and ability, and was ordained a deacon twelve months after his admission on trial. Appointed to Darlington, he reached his charge with shattered and ruined health. His zeal in pulpit and

pastoral labor, and intense devotion to study the previous year had fearfully accelerated, the disease time was preying upon his life—still he was hopeful and cheerful. His strength permitted him to preach but once to his new congregation. His friends supposed he would linger for months in the feebleness and suffering of consumption, but God in mercy ordered otherwise, and on the morning of the 24th of January, 1868, while sitting in his chair with his head reclined on the bosom of a young friend, his spirit calmly passed to God. So lived and so died our beloved Morris. A stranger in a strange land, he made warm friends wherever he went. His gentlemanly deportment, his culture and polish, his humility, purity and intelligent zeal, won his way to the esteem and hearts of all who knew him. His brilliant intellect, his pure taste, his graceful manner, seemed to mark him for distinction; and these gifts, all sanctified as they were by divine grace, promised great usefulness to the church had his life been spared. His zeal urged him to the front of the militant host, and he went down in the thickest of the fight, but he fell a glorious victor.

"The voice at midnight came,
He started up to hear,
A mortal arrow pierced his frame,
He fell, but felt no fear.
His spirit with a bound.
Left its encumbering clay,
His tent at sunrise on the ground,
A darkened ruin lay."

Ques. XV. *Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

Ans. This was carefully attended to by calling over their names severally before the Conference.

Ques. XVI. *What is the number of preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference?*

Charleston District----S. C. Conference.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.			BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					MONEES COLLECTED.						
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers. Col'd. Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elders.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Trinity and Cumberland	257	1	1	8		5		1	30	174		1197	1350 50	165 00	100 00	24 00	505 04	20 00	20 00
Bethel	362			27		2		1	35	180		1040	1500 00		75 00	102 00	387 81	25 00	40 00
Spring Street	44		1	9				1	12	89		275	115 00				43 00		
Cooper River Circuit	270	87	5	7	1	3		2	6	49									
Cypress Circuit	319	4	3	32		5		3	12	70					5 00				5 00
St. George's Circuit	350		1	24	3	1		7	39	205	45	497	504 50	100 16	25 35	29 45	50 25	11 45	10 00
St. George's Mission	99		1																
Branchville Circuit	200			15				2	8	40			328 18	66 50	9 75		11 50		10 00
Providence Circuit	319		1	24				3	9	60		100	451 00	92 00	70 00	51 00	8 00		29 00
St. Matthew's Circuit	185			9		2		2	20	110		500	454 00	120 00	100 00	71 00	20 00	57 25	20 00
Upper St. Matthew's Circuit	150		1	8				1	4	30					11 00	5 00		16 80	15 00
Lexington Circuit	522	157	3	21	8	1	10	5	38	183		471	322 50	65 09	10 00	25 05		6 30	5 00
Lexington Mission	78	13		25		3										17 50			
Eastern Orange Circuit	227	21	1	14	6	1		2	8	47		72	417 72	81 87	10 10	15 00	3 50		8 15
Orangeburg	125			2		2		1	14	60		500	211 00	25 00	5 00	5 00	30 00		5 00
TOTAL	3507	283	18	225	18	24	10	31	235	1297	45	4652	5654 40	715 62	421 20	345 00	1059 10	136 80	158 15

Bamberg District----S. C. Conference.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					MONIES COLLECTED.						
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd. Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elders.	For Conference Collections.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Bamberg Circuit	265		2		18				3	12	45			503 11	71 00	41 00	25 00			10 00
Blackville Circuit	440	9			17		4		3	17	76			387 01	55 86	18 00	7 00		5 00	5 00
Upper Orange Circuit	252	16	3		10		2		3	22	79		35	13 00	21 00					
Aiken Station	33	3							1	8	42	15	229	61 16	20 00		1 00			4 20
Graniteville Mission	112	2			14		4		1	14	115		900	153 33			162 00	10 25		13 50
Barnwell Circuit	164	60	2		17		8		1	3	10			276 37	25 00	6 00				3 00
Allendale Circuit	172				1		4		3	10	60					32 50	4 35		20 00	5 00
St. Bartholemew's Circuit	490	26	1		19		66	2	7	42	145		150	465 32	62 00	26 00	9 50		10 00	10 00
Walterboro' Circuit	280	87			41		9		2	10	60			425 00	56 00	17 40	30 00			10 00
Black Swamp Circuit	130	75	1						2	4	16			460 00	90 00	15 00	10 00			10 00
Hardeeville Circuit	41	30			7		15							2 00						
TOTAL	2379	308	9		144		112	2	26	142	648	15	1314	2946 30	400 86	155 90	248 85	10 25	35 00	250 70

Marion District----S. C. Conference.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					MONIES COLLECTED.						
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd. Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elders.	For Conference Collections.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Marion Station	164				6		4		1	21	105		700	610 00	128 00	50 50	13 50	30 00	50 00	10 00
Marion Circuit	480	10	4		15		2		6	27	134		500	540 00	53 00	43 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	5 00
Brownsville Circuit	523	164	5		41	20	11	75	8	55	120			825 00	100 60	80 00	40 00	20 00	75 00	20 00
Buck Swamp Circuit	540	23	3		53		19		5	27	205		225	325 50	65 00	9 00	7 00	37 00		4 00
Liberty Chapel Circuit	299	117	3		15		11	16	5	25	148		100	333 00	45 00	35 00	15 00	4 00		7 00
Darlington Station	83						1		2	14	59		189	291 00	60 00	31 00	13 00		32 00	10 00
Darlington Circuit	855		7		55		45		11	67	560		950	725 00	60 00	53 00	30 00	75 00	20 00	10 00
Georgetown Station	144				5		1		1	15	100		198			10 00	9 00	76 36	7 00	7 00
Black River Circuit and Mis.	250				21		11		3	10	52		100	260 00	15 00	5 00	5 00			5 00
Kingstree Circuit	469		4		22		2		4	39	187		100	300 00	50 00	32 81	19 00	13 55	11 00	10 00
Conwayboro' Station	117	2			14		8		1	20	112		400	273 00	73 00		5 00	31 80		
Conwayboro' Circuit	830	77	6		43	5	132	17	12	72	367	33	110	575 67	20 00	15 00	45 60	10 50		7 00
Waccamaw Circuit and Mis.	368	22	5		20		9		3	13	154		32	295 75		3 10	4 50	2 40		
Lynchburg Circuit	630	135	4	1	45		21	50	7	46	196		523	515 00	72 42	29 00	25 15	35 00	21 50	7 00
TOTAL	5752	550	41	1	355	25	277	158	69	461	2499	33	4127	5368 32	743 42	376 41	251 85	343 61	226 50	102 00

Columbia District----S. C. Conference.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					MONIES COLLECTED.						
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd. Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elders.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Washington Street Station...	235		1		16		3		1	15	127		400	600 00	100 00	100 00	16 00	83 88	34 00	27 00
Marion Street Station.....	140	6			13		2		1	15	120		1110	426 35	40 05	46 25	20 00	10 00	20 00	10 00
Columbia Circuit.....	302				4		7		4	13	100			108 50	100 00	8 50	1 50		11 75	5 00
Rocky Mount Circuit.....	362		2		15		20		3	18	110					25 00	50 00	75 50	12 00	15 00
Sandy River Circuit.....	85				10															
Chester Circuit.....	255	27			10		16		3	18	102		159	675 00	79 00	18 50	34 50	13 00	10 00	10 00
Richland Fork Circuit.....	246				10		21		3	13	75			459 00	20 00	16 00	20 00			5 00
Fairfield Circuit.....	414	75	2		11	4	10	10	7	42	225		700	408 85	120 50	35 00	30 50	15 00	35 40	10 00
Camden Station.....	72	1			4		3		1	6	28		249	500 00	50 00	35 00	7 50	8 00	10 00	5 00
Sumter Station.....	177				3		1		1	14	86		600	360 97	55 00	45 70	5 00	108 25		10 00
Sumter Circuit.....	453		3		5		3		3	22	140		333	643 39	107 15	53 00	25 00			12 00
Bishopville Circuit.....	567		1		18		6		5	27	150		200	650 00	132 80	45 00	32 05	27 00	17 25	10 00
Manning Circuit.....	242				23				5	26	149		340	329 60	64 00	25 75				12 00
Santee Circuit.....	240	39	4		10				4	21	91		475	650 00	55 65	30 00	28 00	25 00		10 00
TOTAL.....	37 90	148	13		152	4	92	10	41	250	1503		4566	5811 06	924 15	483 70	250 05	365 63	130 40	141 00

Cokesbury District----S. C. Conference.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					MONIES COLLECTED.							
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elders.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Cokesbury Station	136		1		8		1		2	21	167		600	527 45	45 70	20 00	10 35	300 00		8 10
Cokesbury Circuit	409	50	2	1	17	4	6	1	6	35	205		623	750 00	85 00	76 40	40 00	81 25		10 00
Greenwood Col'd Ct., no rep't.																				
Abbeville Circuit	720		1		35		18	26	6	58	347		1425			120 00	190 80	116 50	76 50	20 00
Abbeville Colored Circuit		820		5																
Ninety-Six Circuit	301		1		16		6		5	34	237		200	750 00	100 00	150 00	175 00	50 00		20 00
Ninety-Six Col'd Ct., no re'pt.																				
Saluda River Mis. (no report.)																				
Mapleton Circuit	360	150	1	1	15		45	30	4	17	180		200	425 00	50 00	50 00	80 00	20 00	5 00	5 00
Edgefield Circuit	279	50	2	1	5		7		4	10	120		300	510 00	89 00	24 00	13 00	10 00	5 00	10 00
Savannah River Mis. no rep't.																				
Butler Circuit	346	65	3	1	2		9		4	13	133			662 00	81 00	75 00	53 00	7 00	43 50	13 00
Newberry Station	74				5				1	14	86		300	547 00	43 00	51 00	14 35	50 00	9 00	5 00
Newberry Circuit	560	15	3		12		8		7	40	238			800 00	100 00	125 00	100 00	25 00	60 00	12 00
Laurens Circuit	570	200	2		80		6	5	7	56	414		500	1000 00	90 00	100 00	75 00	110 00	75 00	16 00
Clinton Circuit	300	300			32		20		7	50	200		250	475 00	50 00	40 00	32 00	75 00		6 00
Reedy River Circuit	315				27		29		5	35	180		430	469 00	64 00	80 00	41 20	27 00	40 00	10 00
Orph's Home Mis. (no report)																				
TOTAL	4370	1650	16	9	254	4	155	62	58	383	2507		4828	6045 45	798 70	911 40	733 90	822 75	314 00	135 10

Greenville District----S. C. Conference.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					MONIES COLLECTED.						
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elders.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Greenville Station	128				1		10		1	18	100		525	513 05	180 00	51 05		101 30		20 00
Greenville Circuit	621	12	3		9		4		7	50	350		575	300 00	68 00	5 00	5 00	20 00		10 00
Reidville Circuit	512		2		7		9		7	46	485		400	358 80	81 80	15 00	10 00		10 00	6 00
Pickensville Circuit	351		3		3				5	24	140		100	182 00	79 65	11 60	11 60		2 00	15 00
Keowee Circuit	246	12					34		4	15	110		200	111 43	351					
Walhalla Circuit	329		3		5		10		4	16	75		75	100 00	31 00					
Seneca and Tugalo	458	50	2	1	7			5	5	20	200		350	145 00	60 10	5 00	5 00	5 00	14 00	10 00
Anderson Station	94				2				1	8	70		125	526 90	99 70	10 00	5 00	37 80	20 00	5 00
Anderson Circuit	332	108	2	1	20		19	3	5	36	211		185	93 30	85 00	13 75	23 45		5 00	5 00
Pendleton Circuit	698		3		8		21		10	96	730		600	325 00	114 45	23 60	4 50	45 40		5 00
Pendleton Colored Circuit		230		1		12		20	2	12		50		65 00			5 30			4 10
TOTAL	3769	412	18	3	62	12	107	28	41	341	2471	50	3135	2720 48	803 21	135 00	71 85	209 50	51 00	80 10

Spartanburg District----S. C. Conference.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.			BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					MONIES COLLECTED.							
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers. Col'd Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elders.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Spartanburg Station	233	86	4	10	10	4	11	4	42	240	200	1000	850 00	100 00	135 00	100 00	15 25	77 50	25 00
Spartanburg Circuit	393	87	1	2		22	11	6	21	300		45	170 00	24 28					1 60
Unionville & Cane Creek Ct.	306			13		7		4	20	108		400	575 60	122 85	45 00	10 00	65 00	35 50	20 00
Rich Hill Circuit	554	161	2	46	3	22	7	10	56	375	75	625	470 00	50 00	27 00	5 00	20 00		5 00
Pacolet & Fair Forest	260	100	1	9		9	9	7	44	294					10 00	5 00		6 00	10 00
Belmont	314	17		1		6		4	19	90		310	461 73	66 65	18 00	27 25	10 50	12 50	12 25
Goshen Hill Circuit	171		3	4				4	17	75	75	150	544 94	68 11	15 00	12 00	30 00	20 00	17 00
Columbus Circuit	285			6		9		5	22	205		200	133 80	40 00	6 00		5 00		5 00
Rutherford Circuit	425	6	2	40		18		6	50	192		309	537 79	71 70	50 60	22 50	50 00	77 00	18 00
Cherry Mountain Mission	188		1	10		4		3	12	140		100	107 02						
Marion (N. C.) Station	49	3		7		1		1	7	30		32	300 00	50 00	5 00	5 00			5 00
McDowell Circuit	437	12	3	8		4		10	40	350		75	256 00	30 00	3 40			25 00	
TOTAL	3615	472	17	155	13	106	38	64	350	2399	350	3246	4406 88	623 59	315 00	176 75	137 75	253 50	118 85

Shelby District----S. C. Conference.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				MONIES COLLECTED.						
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd. Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elders.	For Conference Collections.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Shelby Station	95		1		16		1		1	13	100		250	652 00	25 75	10 00	15 00	50 00	20 00	6 00
Shelby Circuit	925	6	6		50		25		10	60	300			600 00	75 60	20 70				5 00
Lincolnton Station	110	2			5		1		1	9	50		500	415 00		7 85	7 60	14 50		10 00
Rock Spring Circuit	738	54	2		27		10		5	44	200		900	310 00		5 00	4 00		4 00	7 00
Dallas Circuit	451	31			30		10		3	12	100		300	318 40	53 00	19 00	15 60			5 00
York Circuit	366		2		15		20		3	15	150		100	827 00	55 00	10 00	7 00	15 08	10 00	5 00
Pineville Circuit	310				10		5		4	20	110			400 00	75 00	3 00				2 65
Charlotte Station	289		2		12		3		1	18	162		440	1200 00	100 00	66 00	29 40	90 00		12 00
Calvary Mission	31				5		2		1	11	100		200					23 00		
North Charlotte Circuit	512	11	2		42	12	10	5	4	34	197		159	299 32	75 00	16 15				5 00
Newton Circuit	509				47	1	3	1	7	22	350		400	329 34	40 30	4 10		21 00		2 50
South Fork Circuit	610	24	1		24		11		8	55	332		473	318 85	35 00	6 35	10 39			6 00
Lenoir Circuit	656	11	7		25	25	15		7	56	360		250					20 00		
Happy Home Circuit	248	1			24	1	1		5	28	100		200	220 00	35 00	4 20	4 20			1 45
Morganton Circuit	661	82	4		10		11		6	55	386		330	500 00	125 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	10 00
TOTAL	6486	216	21		292	39	103	6	56	392	2697		4102	5789 91	519 05	176 35	97 59	243 58	39 00	72 49

Wadesboro' District----S. C. Conference.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					MONIES COLLECTED.							
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.	For Presiding Elders.	For Conference Collection.	For Missions.	For our own Sunday School.	For Education.	For Bishop.
Wadesboro' Circuit	643	100	1	1	14		12	1	10	55	390		500	552 00	100 00	42 50	64 30	35 00		15 00
Cheraw Station	104		3		2				1	11	55		423	205 00	52 00	20 25	11 65	12 00	6 00	5 00
Bennettsville	1103		7		8		12		7	38	221		730	1016 00	125 00	100 00	101 00	34 00	93 00	15 00
Ansonville	335	20	3		10		7		7	41	230	304	335			20 00				10 00
Albemarle	806	135	2		42		5		11	72	425	85	1000	400 00	50 00				5 00	8 00
Concord	284				20		2		3	17	150		250	377 05	50 00	24 00	24 90	42 00	27 00	10 00
Mount Pleasant	451	13	4		34	1	18		5	57	283		823	450 00	44 00	25 00	5 00	42 05	1 00	10 00
Lancaster	150				4				1	10	50		150							
Hanging Rock	331				12				8	25	230		500	424 00	51 00	30 00	29 00	10 00	12 65	5 00
Chesterfield	436		4		1		9		8	54	250			300 00	30 00					5 00
Monroe Station	97	4	2		10		2		1	15	85		30	400 00	40 00	3 15	7 45	13 40	5 00	2 85
Monroe Circuit	642		2		45		4		6	48	210		30	205 30	20 00		1 50	6 65	6 00	
Pleasant Grove	555	1	1		23		8		9	60	256		95	400 00	50 00			15 00		
South Charlotte Circuit	590	30			37	14	18	6	1	6	60		100	281 00	45 00	2 00				3 00
TOTAL	6727	303	29	1	262	15	97	7	78	509	2895	389	6361	4110 35	567 00	227 00	444 80	209 10	155 65	88 85

Recapitulation----S. C. Conference.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERS.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					MONIES COLLECTED.																							
	White.	Colored.	White Preachers.	Col'd. Preachers.	White Infants.	Colored Infants.	White Adults.	Colored Adults.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	White Pupils.	Colored Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	For Preachers in Charge.		For Presiding Elders.		For Conference Collection.		For Missions.		For our own Sunday School.		For Education.		For Bishop.											
Charleston District	3507	283	18		225	18	24	10	41	235	1297	45	4652	5654	40	715	62	421	20	345	00	1059	10	136	80	158	15										
Bamberg "	2379	308	9		144		112	2	26	142	648	15	1314	2946	30	400	86	155	90	248	85	10	25	35	00	250	70										
Marion "	5752	550	41	1	355	25	277	158	69	461	2499	33	4127	5868	32	743	42	376	41	251	85	343	61	226	50	102	00										
Columbia "	3790	148	13		152	4	92	40	41	250	1503		4566	5811	06	924	15	483	70	250	05	365	63	130	40	141	00										
Cokesbury "	4370	1650	16	9	254	4	155	62	58	383	2507		4828	6045	45	798	70	911	40	733	90	822	75	314	00	135	10										
Greenville "	3769	412	18	3	63	12	107	28	41	241	2471	50	3135	2720	48	803	21	135	00	71	85	209	50	51	00	80	10										
Spartanburg "	3615	472	17		155	13	106	38	63	350	2399	350	3246	4406	88	623	59	315	00	176	75	137	75	253	50	118	85										
Shelby "	6486	216	21		292	39	103	6	56	392	2697		4102	5789	91	519	05	176	35	97	59	243	58	30	00	72	40										
Wadesboro' "	6727	303	29	1	262	15	107	7	78	599	2895	389	6361	4110	35	567	00	227	00	444	80	209	10	155	65	88	85										
Total 1868	40395	4342	182	14	1901	130	1073	321	464	3063	18916	882	36331	43353	15	6095	60	3201	96	2620	64	3401	27	1341	85	1147	15										
Total 1867	38467	8276	180		1965	516			472	2866	17566	1814	25084																							
Increase	1928		2							197	1350		11247																							
Decrease		4934			64	386			8			932																								

Ques. XVII. *How many infants and adults have been baptized during the year?*

Ans. 1,901 white, and 130 colored infants. 1,073 white, and 321 colored adults.

Ques. XVIII. *What is the number of Sunday Schools, Teachers and Scholars?*

Ans. 464 Sunday Schools, 3,063 officers and teachers. 18,916 white, and 882 colored scholars.

Ques. XIX. *What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance in their respective Districts, Circuits and Stations?*

Ans. $5,875 00.

Ques. XX. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

Ans. 3,290 00 has been collected and disbursed, in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline.

Ques. XXI. *What has been contributed for the Missionary and Tract Societies?*

Ans. 2,996 11 has been collected for missions.

Ques. XXII. *When and where shall the next Session of the Conference be held?*

Ans. Cheraw, S. C. At such time as the bishops may appoint.

Ques. XXIII. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1869.

PLACES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.	A. M. Creitzberg, Presid. Elder.
Charleston—Trinity & Cumberland	W. P. Mouzon.
Bethel	J. T. Wightman.
Spring Street	J. R. Pickett.
Cooper River Circuit, sup. by	E. J. Pennington, Sup'y.
Cypress Circuit, supplied by	A. R. Dannar.
Walterboro' Circuit	W. Carson.
St. George's Circuit	J. L. Sifley.
St. George's Mission	To be supplied.
Eastern Orange Circuit	B. G. Jones,
Providence Circuit	J. C. Stoll.
St. Matthew's Circuit	W. Hutto.
Upper St. Matthew's Circuit	E. T. Wannamaker.
BAMBERG DISTRICT.	D. J. Simmons, Presiding Elder.
Bamberg Circuit	T. Raysor.
Blackville Circuit	C. Wilson.
Barnwell Circuit	J. E. Penny.
Aiken & Graniteville	Aug. W. Walker.
Lexington	A. Nettles.
Upper Orangeburg Circuit	A. B. Tarrant, Sup'y,
Orangeburg Circuit	J. C. Crisp.
Branchville Circuit	T. J. Clyde.
St. Bartholomew's Circuit	L. Wood; J. J. Snow, Sup'y.
Allendale Circuit	W. A. Clarke.
Black Swamp Circuit	L. C. Loyal.
Hardeeville Mission	J. R. Coburn.
MARION DISTRICT.	R. J. Boyd, Presiding Elder
Marion Station	G. H. Wells; T. Mitchell, Sup'y.
Marion Circuit	L. M. Little; T. W. Munnerlyn Sup'y.
Brownsville Circuit	W. C. Power.
Buck Swamp	J. B. Platte.
Liberty Chapel Circuit	D. W. Seale.
Darlington Station	J. E. Watson.
Darlington Circuit	P. F. Kistler.
Timmonsville Circuit	S. Jones.
Lynchburg Circuit	D. J. McMillan.
Georgetown Station	J. A. Porter; A. Ervin, Sup'y.

APPOINTMENTS—Continued.

PLACES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.
Kingstree & Black River Ct.....	W. W. Jones, S. M. Davis.
Conwayboro' Station.....	E. G. Gage.
{ Conwayboro' Circuit.....	L. Scarbrough.
} Waccamaw Circuit & Mission.	S. P. H. Elwell; C. Betts, Sup'y.
Columbia District.	S. H. Browne, Presiding Elder.
Columbia—Washington Street...	W. Martin.
Columbia—Marion Street.....	W. W. Mood.
Columbia Circuit.....	R. R. Dagnall.
Rocky Mount Circuit.....	J. L. Shuford.
Winnsboro' Circuit.....	J. S. Conner; G. W. M. Creighton, Sup'y.
Chester Circuit.....	P. G. Bowman.
Richland Fork Circuit.....	H. J. Morgan.
Fairfield Circuit.....	A. J. Cauthen.
Camden Station.....	W. Thomas.
Sumter Station.....	H. M. Mood.
Sumter Circuit.....	J. W. Murray.
Bishopville Circuit.....	J. W. Crider; A. McCorquodale, Sup'y.
Manning Circuit.....	S. J. Hill.
Santee Circuit.....	J. B. Campbell. S. Leard, S. S. Agent.
Cokesbury District.	W. H. Fleming, Presiding Elder.
Cokesbury Station.....	W. T. Capers; S. B. Jones, Sup'y.
Cokesbury Circuit.....	W. S. Black.
Abbeville Circuit.....	Manning Brown, T. S. Daniel.
{ Ninety-Six Circuit.....	T. G. Herbert.
} Saluda River Mission.....	R. M. Harrison.
Dorn's Mine Circuit.....	J. B. Traywick.
{ Edgefield Circuit.....	J. T. Kilgo.
} Savannah River Mission.....	To be supplied.
Butler Circuit.....	J. H. Zimmerman.
Newberry Station.....	O. A. Darby.
Newberry Circuit.....	W. H. Lawton; M. Boyd, Sup'y.
Laurens Circuit.....	J. W. Kelly.
Clinton Circuit.....	J. Attaway.
Reedy River Circuit.....	F. Auld.
Greenville District.	A. B. Stephens, Presiding Elder.
Greenville Station.....	A. J. Stafford.
Greenville Circuit.....	J. J. Workman.

APPOINTMENTS—Continued.

PLACES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.
Reidville Circuit	W. Bowman.
Pickensville Circuit	Supplied by F. Smith.
Walhalla Circuit	A. N. Wells; F. M. Morgan, Sup'y.
Williamston Circuit	J. M. Carlisle.
Seneca and Tugalo Circuit	D. D. Byars.
Anderson Station	S. A. Weber.
Anderson Circuit	W. A. Hodges.
Pendleton Circuit	G. F. Round.
Pendleton Colored Circuit	J. L. Stoudemire.
Orphan's Home Mission	T. H. Edwards.
Spartanburg District.	R. P. Franks, Presiding Elder.
Spartanburg Station	W. A. Gamewell; R. C. Oliver, Sup'y.
Spartanburg Circuit	J. D. Carpenter; J. Parker, Sup'y.
Rich Hill Circuit	J. S. Ervin.
Pacolet Circuit	J. B. Massebeau.
Unionville & Fairforest Circuit	A. J. Stokes.
Cane Creek & Goshen Hill Ct	J. W. McRoy.
Belmont Circuit	Supplied by W. D. Lee.
Columbus Circuit	M. G. Tuttle.
Rutherford Circuit	V. A. Sharpe.
Cherry Mount Mission	To be supplied.
Marion N. C., Station	J. R. Griffith.
McDowell Circuit	Supplied by Wm. England.
Wofford College	A. M. Shipp, President. Whiteford Smith, Professor. A. H. Lester, Professor.
Wadesboro' District.	F. M. Kennedy, Presiding Elder.
Wadesboro' Circuit	E. W. Thompson; Wm. McClellion, Sup'y.
Cheraw Station	J. R. Little.
Bennettsville Circuit	C. H. Pritchard; M. L. Banks, Sup'y.
Pee Dee Mission	W. L. Pegues.
Ansonville Circuit	J. A. Mood.
Albemarle Circuit	J. W. Puett.
Concord Circuit	R. R. Pegues.
Mount Pleasant Circuit	J. Finger.
Lancaster Circuit	C. Thomason.
Hanging Rock Circuit	R. L. Duffie.
Chesterfield Circuit	J. C. Hartsell; O. Eaddy, Sup'y.

APPOINTMENTS—CONTINUED.

PLACES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.
Monroe Station	To be supplied.
Monroe Circuit	J. W. Abernethy.
Pleasant Grove Circuit	J. M. Cline.
South Charlotte Circuit	N. K. Melton.
SHELBY DISTRICT.	J. W. North, Presiding Elder.
Shelby Station	J. W. Humbert.
Shelby Circuit	A. P. Avant.
Lincolnton Circuit	M. A. Connelly; A. G. Stacy, Sup'y.
South Fork Circuit	J. Watts.
Rock Spring Circuit	Chambers E. Land.
Dallas Circuit	M. H. Hoyle.
Yorkville Station	J. A. Wood; L. A. Johnson, Sup'y.
York Circuit	Supplied by G. W. Gatlin.
Rock Hill Circuit	J. S. Nelson; R. B. Allston, Sup'y.
Pineville Circuit	E. A. Lemmond.
Charlotte Station	E. J. Meynardie; T. A. Boone, Sup'y; W. S. Haltom, Sup'y.
Calvary Mission	To be supplied.
North Charlotte Circuit	J. J. Prather.
Lenoir Circuit	G. W. Ivey.
Newton Circuit	D. May.
Happy Home Circuit	Supplied by R. L. Abernethy.
Morgantown Circuit	P. L. Herman.
John's River Mission.	Supplied by N. Kayler.
Davenport Female College	S. Lander.
COKESBURY COLORED DISTRICT.	W. H. Fleming, Presiding Elder.
Greenwood	R. M Valentine.
Flat Woods	A. Johnson.
Willington	W. Tucker.
Warrington	F. Brown.
Lowndesville	E. Jones.
Harrisburg	N. Childs.

R. L. Harper, transferred to Memphis Conference.
F. A. Mood, transferred to Texas Conference.
W. G. Conner, transferred to Texas Conference.
C. Murchison, transferred to Illinois Conference.
A. R. Bennick, transferred to Holston Conference.

RESOLUTIONS, REPORTS, &c.

The following Resolutions were passed during the late session of the South Carolina Conference, at Abbeville, S. C.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of the Columbia District, and the preachers stationed in the city of Columbia, constitute a committee to prepare the Minutes for the press, and supervise their publication.

WASHINGTON STREET CHURCH.

Resolved, That the Conference express its warmest sympathy for our brethren of the Washington Street Church in Columbia.

That we will welcome to all our charges the pastor or agent of Washington Street Church, and lend him our cordial co-operation in raising funds for the re-building of said Church.

That when the agent for said Church cannot come, we will do what we can to enlist the sympathies and aid of our people on behalf of these suffering brethren.

PARSONAGE LIBRARIES.

Resolved, That we will exert ourselves on our future fields of labor, to secure the establishment of permanent libraries in our parsonages.

BOOK AND PERIODICAL AGENCY.

Resolved, That we recommend the establishment of an agency for the distribution of Books and Periodicals in the bounds of our Conference.

FAST DAYS.

Resolved, That the first Friday in April and September be set apart for fasting and prayer throughout the Conference, and that special supplication be made for an increase in the ministry.

REV. F. A. MOOD.

Resolved, That the Conference feels called upon to express its high appreciation of the character and services of our beloved brother Francis Asbury Mood, who for nearly 20 years has been one of us, and during a large part of that time our faithful and laborious Secretary, and we hereby tender Brother Mood our best wishes and prayers for God's blessing in his distant field of labor.

STATISTICS.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each preacher to bring or send his statistical report, on the first day of the Annual Session.

CONDOLENCE.

Resolved, That, as a body of Ministers, we sympathize deeply with the stricken families of the excellent brethren whom God in

His providence has removed during the past year to the Church triumphant in Heaven.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education present the following report of the condition and prospects of the several Institutions of learning under the patronage of the South Carolina Conference, founded on the different papers referred to them for consideration:

WOFFORD COLLEGE, SPARTANBURG C. H., S. C.

The first session of the Fifteenth Collegiate year commenced in this Institution on the first day of October last with a patronage of one hundred and seven students in the College and Preparatory School. The number in attendance during the preceding session, beginning in January last, was seventy-six. The old College system is still carefully maintained, and the course of studies and the standard of scholarship for candidates for graduation remain unchanged; but the Faculty, under the direction of the Trustees, have made advantageous arrangements for the admission into the Institutionof irregular students, or those who wish to pursue particular studies only, and will accord to them, on leaving, suitable testimonials of their attainments in such departments of instruction as they may elect. The degree of punctuality in attendance upon all scholastic duties, carried in not a few instances to absolute exactness, and the amount of application to studies on the part of the students generally, as evinced by the results of the daily recitations, and the three several examinations to which they are annually subjected, are highly gratifying to the Committee, and they record with special pleasure the uniform good order, and correct moral deportment which continue to characterize the young men of the College. In the last Annual Report, it was stated that for a number of years no serious occasion had arisen for the exercise of discipline in the Institution. Another year of freedom from the painful anxiety that usually characterizes College administration must now be added to the series, and the hope is entertained that the present high character of the Institution may make its impress on the future, and that each successive generation of students may emulate the example of those who preceded them in still elevating the standard of moral and religious deportment, which already gives such pleasure to the instructors, and such dignity and usefulness to the College. In a recent published account of "Spartanburg and its people," an "observer" pays this merited tribute to the moral worth of the students: "Shall I not add, that our Colleges and Schools are filled with Christian youths, and with such examples set before them as our Professors in all their acts, words and teachings, show

forth. is it to be wondered that inall our Courts—Circuit District and Town Council—the name of a student is never heard as principal in any offence, and in but one or two instances, at farthest in many years, never called on even as a witness? I must say, much to their praise, that they frown upon all that is vicious, and uphold all that is right." The religious condition of the College was never sounder than at present. About three-fourths of the students are members of the Church, and evince a solid piety, by a punctual attendance upon all the ordinances of God's house, and a diligent use of all the means of grace. In addition to the five who, by the aid of benevolent contributions, are pursuing their studies with an immediate view to the work of the Ministry, and who may be expected in due time to take their places in the ranks of the itineracy, the minds of a number, it is believed, are turned to the Holy Office; and the Committee particularly recommend, that on the days of fast appointed by the Conference, prayer be made of the whole Church to Almighty God, to call and thrust out into the harvest very many of these young men, who seem fitted by religious character and mental training, to become "workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The Committee recommend Wofford College to the liberal support of all our own people, because we believe its continued existence essential to the prosperity and success of Methodism within our bounds. The history of Colleges conclusively shows, that the work of higher education, cannot be performed without the aid of endowment funds, or periodic appropriations. It is deemed inexpedient to attempt now to restore the lost endowment of the Institution, and we would lay the foundations of its future prosperity in the affections of our people, in the abiding conviction, that the great heart of Carolina Methodism will ever beat responsive to its every known want. The Faculty of the College are at present very inadequately supported. The tuition fees yield an average salary to each Professor of not more than four hundred dollars per annum, and equal only to the one-fifth part of the salary paid by some of our sister Conferences for the same work, performed by men of less professional age and experience. The Faculty of Wofford College ask not however for magnificent salaries, but in thorough sympathy with the preachers and people with whom they are associated, will be content with the average livings of the regular members of the South Carolina Conference, and we are fully persuaded that this equitable claim, when fairly presented, will be cheerfully met by the liberality of our people. The contribution of fifteen cents per annum, by each white member of the Church within the Conference, will place the Institution beyond all peril, and the average contribution of twice that amount from year to year will put it in easy circumstances, and enable it to continue its career of usefulness to the Church and the country for all time to come. The Committee recommend for the relief of the College an appropriation by the

Conference for the ensuing year of $8,000 to be raised by the several Presiding Elders' Districts as follows, viz: The assessment for each District shall be apportioned by the Presiding Elders at the beginning of the year, or at the latest, by the first meeting of the District Stewards among the several appointments within his District, and the preacher in charge, or such Laymen as he may select, or both together shall bring the object of the collection fully before the church meeting of every Congregation and urge the payment of the amount deemed equitable by the members and friends at the several Churches, and report said payments to a Committee at Spartanburg on or before the first day of July, 1869. If the whole amount for which each congregation is assessed be not raised by that time, the effort shall be repeated at some suitable time in the latter part of the year, and the result reported as above at the next Session of the Conference: Provided, however, that if in any District the amount of the apportionment for said District be raised or pledged in due time by voluntary associations in relief of the College, then the collections in said District, as above, shall not be required to be taken up. Of the above appropriation, $6,000 shall go for the support of the Faculty, and $2,000 should so much additional be raised, shall go for improving the College campus, repairing the buildings, refilling the Labratory, furnishing Philosophical room, purchasing books, &c., as may be determined by the Executive Committee of the Trustees.

The Committee call special attention to the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees, viz:

"*Resolved*, That as a Board, we are more than ever convinced of the necessity of sustaining Wofford College, and earnestly urge each member of the Conference to increased efforts in raising the appropriations for this object, by calling the attention of the people to the intimate connection subsisting between the success of the Institution and the prosperity of the Church."

"*Resolved*, That as a Board of Trustee's we cordially approve the action of its several district meetings in relation to the education of a young man from each District for the Ministry, and earnestly recommend prompt measures in raising the amount necessary to meet their board bills—their tuition fees being remitted by the Faculty."

The next session of the College and the Schools will begin on the first Monday in January, 1869.

College Faculty—Rev. A. M. Shipp, D. D., President and Professor of Mental and Moral Science; David Duncan, A. M., Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature; Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D., Professor of English Literature; Warren DuPre, A. M., Professor of Natural Science; J. H. Carlisle, A. M., Professor

of Mathematics; Rev. A. H. Lester, A. M., Professor of History and Biblical Literature.

Divinity School.—Rev. A. M. Shipp, D. D., Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D., Rev. A. H. Lester, A. M.

Preparatory School under the supervision of the Faculty—Jno. W. Shipp, A. B., Principal.

Trustees—W. A. Gamewell, A. M. Shipp, J. R. Pickett, C. Betts, W. P. Mouzon, H. M. Mood, R. J. Boyd, H. Wofford, G. W. Williams, S. Bobo, W. J. T. Miller, J. H. Dogan, Robt. Bryce.

COLUMBIA FEMALE COLLEGE.

By reference to the last report of the Board of Trustees to the South Carolina Conference, it will be seen that the Trustees at the close of the war, finding it impossible to carry on the Institution, leased the building to Mr. Nickerson, to be used as a first class hotel, for the sum of $3,000 per annum, for the period of two years, which lease expired on the 1st September last. Hoping that at the expiration of that time the country would have recovered from the disasters of the war so that the exercises of the College might be resumed. In this hope, however, they have been disappointed, and have consequently leased the building for another year to Mr. Wright, the successor to Mr. Nickerson, for the sum of two thousand dollars, being compelled to take $1,000 less than the former rent, inasmuch as a new and commodious building had been erected for a hotel in a more central part of the city, and which Mr. Wright was anxious to lease. This sum of two thousand dollars, however, is sufficient to pay the interest on the debt due by the College, insurance, taxes, &c., and leave some four or five hundred dollars to go towards the liquidation of the debt.

The followiug is a balance sheet showing the indebtedness of the Institution as far as it can be ascertained, as it is not known to your Committee what the precise amount of interest is due on the bonds:

Bonds secured by Mortgages on the Building		$9,000 00
Balance due Waring on the Building.....		5,535 00
" " Walker, Architect.....		1,000 00
		$15,535 00
Interest probably due for 2 years on.....$9,000 00		1,200 00
Amount due by Wright.....$1,800		$16,735 00
Eight Pianos, valued at..... 750		
Rev. Stacy, for Pianos. 500		3,050 00
		$13,685 00

Trustees—J. W. Kelly, A. M. Creitzburg, J. T. Wightman, C. H. Pritchard, S. H. Browne, O. A. Darby, W. T. Capers, N. Talley, A. J. Stafford, E. J. Meynardie, D. J. Simmons, S. T. Daniel, E. G. Gage, R. Bryce, Dr. J. W. Parker, Gen. W. Wallace, Hon. J. S. Preston, C. A. Graeser, R. D. Senn, A. F. Dubard, W. Glaze, Dr. A. N. Talley, Dr. C. H. Miot, Col. T. D. Childs, D. B. Miller.

COKESBURY CONFERENCE SCHOOL.

This Institution is gradually recovering from the effects of the war, and is more in a situation to supply an important demand in the Northwestern section of the State.

The Institution has been for the past year under the Rectorship of Mr. James L. Lesley, and has numbered about forty students.

The Board of Trustees hope that the members of the Conference will not forget that their sons can be educated, or at least prepared, for College here without expense for tuition, and earnestly appeal to them to use their influence in rebuilding the old established Institution.

Trustees: F. A. Connor, Jas. F. Smith, G W. Hodges, F. F. Gary S. Leard, S. B. Jones, W. H. Lawton, W. H. Fleming and J. T. Kilgo.

DAVENPORT FEMALE COLLEGE, LENOIR, N. C.

Has just closed a year of unusual prosperity in spite of the embarrassed condition of the country. The rent accruing from the contract made last year with its present President, has been more than sufficient to pay one year's interest on the debt of the College. It is proposed that the President act as traveling agent for the Institution during the winter vacation, in the hope of increasing its patronage and diminishing its indebtedness. It is confidently believed that this Institution, which has already rendered so valuable service to the Church, is now entering upon a career of still greater influence and usefulness.

From the recent circular of the Board of Trustees, we give the following among its claims to public patronage: 1. Healthfulness of climate; 2. Sublime mountain scenery; 3. Quiet and orderly community; 4. Beautiful grounds; 5. Superior buildings; 6. Ample School fixtures; 7. Excellent Board; 8. Experienced and successful teachers; 9. High standard of scholarship; 10. Perfect system; 11. Extremely low rates of board and tuition.

Besides these reasons, we ask special attention to the fact, that the rents, by which principally the debt is to be extinguished, are directly proportional to the number of students.

The trustees desire the re-appointment of Rev. Samuel Lander to the Presidency of the College.

Trustees—J. W. North, P. F. Kistler, A. J. Canthen, S. Lander, A. McCorquodale, J. G. Bowman, G. W. Ivy, Col. E. W. Jones, Col. J. Harper, John Rutherford, S. Dula, Jas. A. Claywell and A. Shell.

CAROLINA FEMALE COLLEGE.

This Institution is still in successful operation, under the Presidency of Jas. E. Blankenship, Esq., assisted by a sufficent and competent corps of Teachers, with the prospect of increased patronage for the ensuing year. The health of the College for the three last years has been almost unprecedented, as not a case of serious illness has occurred during that entire period.

The Committee cordially recommend this excellent Institution to the patronage of our people, and whilst they deeply sympathize with the Board of Trustees in the embarrassment of debt (about $3,000) which now presses them, sincerely regret their inability to devise any means by which relief can be immediately extended. It is to be hoped that the Trustees willl still find it in their power to continue this cherished Institution in successful operation under the auspices of the M. E. Church, South.

Trustees—Col. W. G. Smith, Purdie Richardson, E. G. Kendall, W. C. Smith, W. P. Kendall, C. Wooly, T. A. Boone, R. R. Pegues, W. C. Power, Presiding Elder Wadesboro' District, preachers in charge of Wadesboro' Circuit, Ansonville Circuit, and Wadesboro' Station.

In conclusion the Committee recommend for adoption by the Conference the following Resolutions, viz:

1. That the Presiding Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint to our institutions of learning such members of the Conference as have been elected to fill chairs of instruction.

2. That as a body of Christian Ministers and Laymen, we are profoundly convinced of the importance of giving a religious education to the youth of our country, and we will use our best endeavors to promote the interests of all our institutions of learning, recommending them in our intercourse with the people, obtaining for them as many students as possible, and heartily co-operating in raising such funds as have been voted by the Conference.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The Sunday School Board is happy to report, that the returns from the Circuits and Stations of the Conference show a gratifying interest in the great work of the Church, the religious education of the young. The figures, however, do not exhibit as large an increase in the number of schools and scholars as we had hoped to report.

The Board cannot express too strongly its sense of the importance of interesting the young in the study of the Scriptures, and winning the Lambs of Jesus to their Almighty Saviour. The moral and religious training of children is the most hopeful means of

benefitting society, and preventing the spread of those corrupting and destructive principles towards which our fallen nature is inclined. The attempt to reform the vicious adult population is, to use the language of an eloquent writer, "the task of taming the old lion, of writing on granite, of moulding rock in your fingers, of twining the quarled boughs of the oak." The full grown man is already educated for good or evil. Nothing but an extraordinary gracious influence from Heaven can change him, and even then the defects of his training and the habits of his youth are apparent, and can never be entirely supplied or effectually removed. Thank God the little ones are susceptible of influence and may be moulded into the likeness of the Redeemer. Whether in Carolina or in China, our chief hope for extending Christianity is in the training of the young. These can be moved, melted and won. No one dreams of proposing the Sunday School as a substitute for family instruction. The work of the Sunday School is supplementary to that of the parent. The children of Christian parents, who by precept and example point to Jesus, "allure to higher worlds and lead the way," have, in addition to the advantages of parental teaching in the Sunday School, the opportunities of religious influences and association.

The Board is persuaded that the members of the South Carolina Conference will go to their new fields of labor, resolved to strive with an increased zeal to bring all the children to Christ.

We respectfully submit the following resolutions:

1. That we continue the Sunday School Agency.

2. That we request the Bishop to appoint the Rev. S. Leard, the Sunday School Agent of the Conference.

3. That we most earnestly commend to the Churches our beloved Bro. Leard, whose labors in this field during the past year have been blessed of God, and whose highest ambition is, to be permitted to devote all the energies of his soul to the work of preaching Jesus to the children.

4. That our Anniversary meeting be held on one of the evenings of the session of the Conference.

REPORT ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals, after a careful consideration of the matters committed to them, are profoundly impressed with the vital importance of them to us as a Church, and especially in view of the present condition of society. The tendency to heterodoxy in certain directions; and the fearful prevalence of loose and erroneous views of morality and a pure christianity, the fruits of which are painfully visible in various forms, admonish us of the importance of waking up as a Conference and

as a Church on this vital subject. We know of no more potent auxiliary to the preaching of the Gospel than the circulation of a sound religious literature. We have reason for gratitude to the great Head of the Church for what has been accomplished, but past success should serve to impel us onward to still higher achievments. It is with the liveliest satisfaction that we have heard of the encouraging prospects of our Publishing House. The ability, zeal and success, with which the Agent, Dr. Redford has conducted the business of the concern is worthy of our highest commendation, and we would recommend to our preachers a still more active co-operation with the Agent, by a liberal patronage, at least to the extent of accepting the $60.00 proposition. It would be very desirable to have an agency located some where within our bounds for the sale of our books and tracts, but your Committee are not prepared to recommend a plan that appears to them practicable, under present circumstances. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we are as much as ever attached to the *Southern Christian Advocate* as our Conference Organ, and that we appreciate the ability with which it is conducted.

Resolved, That the *Christian Advocate* published at Nashville, and the *Baltimore Episcopal Methodist* are eminently worthy of our patronage, and that we will recommend them to our people.

Resolved, That the *Sunday School Visitor* is admirably adapted to the object for which it is intended, and that we will recommend it to our Sunday Schools and families connected with our Church.

COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION.

For Candidates—S. H. Browne, J. W. Kelly, J. H. Zimmerman.

First Year—J. A. Porter, W. C. Power, A. J. Cauthen, O. A. Darby.

Second Year—John R. Pickett, W. T. Capers, R. P. Franks, G. W. Ivy.

Third Year—Samuel Leard, R. J. Boyd, J. W. Humbert, Wm. Martin.

Fourth Year—W. P. Mouzon, C. H. Pritchard, A. J. Stokes, J. T. Wightman.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 1868-'69.

S. Leard, J. T. Wightman, L. Wood, W. G. Power, J. T. Kilgo, S. A. Weber, A. J. Stokes, E. W. Thompson, S. Lander, John Kinsler, G. W. Williams, Jas. Stokes, E. Stackhouse, H. I. Wright, R. S. Hill, S. Bobo, W. M. Connors, W. J. T. Miller.

FINANCIAL PLAN.

Your Committee feel profoundly impressed with the importance of the interest of the Church committed to their consideration. How to provide more adequately for the support of the Ministry, of our Bishops, of our superannuated preachers, our widows and orphans, our Missionary and Educational interests—in short, how to sustain the Church, financially, in its various interests, and remove the difficulties and dangers which now beset it, from a want of proper support, is a question which commends itself to the earnest attention of every official and other member who loves the Gospel of our Blessed Redeemer, and who would preserve and perpetuate its hallowing influence.

At this trying and critical juncture, in connexion with the financial interests of the Church, it is hoped that the introduction of the laity into its representation will exert a most salutary influence. Upon this element, and upon this element chiefly, should devolve the care of the Church in her material support, and it is hoped that the presence of earnest, zealous laymen, from various localities within the bounds of the Conference, catching the spirit as well as a knowledge of the wants and necessities of the Church, and bearing these home into the midst of the mass of the membership, will act like leaven infusing itself through the whole lump.

Our people need education in the matter of the support of the Ministry and the several interests of the Church. In the past, from the fact that very many of our preachers possessed means of their own, and used them in maintaining themselves, their wives and children, their claims were not properly pressed upon the membership, and a just and proper sense of obligation to pay those claims established. Their private means have now been swept away, and the preachers, in the great majority of instances, must look entirely to the Church for support, or resort to secular pursuits in connexion with their Ministerial labor. And here we feel called upon to raise our voice in solemn warning against the dangers and difficulties to the Church of a secularized Ministry. And whilst appealing to the membership to come up promptly to the full measure of their duty, that this weighty responsibility may be removed from their shoulders, we cannot refrain from turning our eyes upon our Ministerial brethren, whilst we admonish them upon this subject.

In connexion with the financial policy of the Church, and the effect upon it by the tendency of public sentiment at the present time, it is feared that our educational interests are being allowed, unnecessarily, to languish and suffer. If we would preserve the high standard of our christian faith and doctrine, and the influence of the Church, in its purity and sanctity, our institutions of learning must be sustained. Suffer these to decay and fall, and you loose from the great edifice of the Church, one of the most substantial

and sublime pillars which God, in the plenitude of His wisdom and goodness, has placed for its support. And here our eyes turn with special anxiety and solicitude to Wofford College—our own cherished and useful institution, and the only one of its character now connected with our Conference. To its self-sacrificing and faithful Faculty the Church owes a debt of gratitude which can never be discharged. In the midst of the common ruin which came upon us from the results of the war, those noble-hearted Christian men, firmly, persistently—we had almost said heroically—remained at their posts and preserved the existence of the College; and this, too, when other sections and other fields of labor, involving more of comfort and profit, sought the advantages of their distinguished learning, experience and usefulness. Privation, hardship, if not suffering, were endured by them, rather than forsake their positions. In view of all the circumstances, influences and interests which now cluster about Wofford, it commends itself anew to the fostering care, encouragement and support with both preachers and people. Like the Ministry, with its endowments and all sources of fixed and certain support lost and gone, it must throw itself upon the Church, and these expect to be matured and sustained from the bosom of her celestial love.

Time and space do not permit us to exhibit, in such form and extent, the varied interests which depend for support upon the body of the Church, as their great importance demands. It is but permitted us to glance at them. Our superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers—in these times of poverty and hardness, when the heart of man seems to be growing colder and colder in its sensibilities to the great virtue of charity—when selfishness and the baser elements of human nature seem to be struggling for the ascendency, to whom must these helpless ones look, if not to their own household of the Church, to the family of Christ, of whom they are, and whose interests they have so faithfully served?

And our Bishops, with well nigh their all of domestic enjoyment—the comforts of home and the sacred duties and plesures of the family circle—laid us a willing sacrifice upon the altar of the Church, how can they be forgotten, when we come to apportion our means for the support of the Church? And our Missions, with all the weight of duty and interest which they lay upon the Church, how can we lessen our interest in them or fail in their adequate support?

Your Committee, coming from the body of the Church, and representing the laity within the limits of the Conference, would respectfully submit, for the adoption of the Conference, and the guidance and practice of the various Churches under its charge, the following resolutions and plan of operations:

Resolved, That while we look with favor upon the policy adopted

by the General Conference, in modification of the itinerant system, we yet yield a willing Christian obedience to the lawfully constituted authorities of the Church, bowing to its acts and authority as laid upon us by the Great Head of the Church, through its ministers; and actuated thus, with brotherly sympathy and regard, the preachers appointed to labor among us by the Bishop, using our best efforts to provide for their comfort and support, both spiritual and temporal.

Resolved, That at the present time, more than ever before, it presses upon the membership, and more especially the official membership, of the Church, to engage in the work of its support, in its several interests, with new zeal and determination.

Resolved, That to the stewardship, and to the stewardship separately and distinctly, if not entirely, from any effort or connection on the part of the ministry, belongs the work of providing for the latter.

Resolved, That we view, with nothing but serious apprehensions, any thing within our limits which tends to a secularized ministry, and present the matter as one worthy the most serious consideration of both our preachers and people.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the provision which is made, in the financial economy of the Church, for the assistance of Wofford College, and urge upon the Church, both in its ministerial and lay elements, to impress the importance of this item of the Conference or consolidated collection upon the attention of the membership.

PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

1. That the Conference or consolidated collections be continued in the same form as heretofore, and presented to the Church, in congregation assembled or otherwise, and, if necessary, from time to time, until the whole amount be raised, as may be determined by the Board of Stewards, in connection with the preacher, as a matter separate and distinct from all other claims upon the Church, and that the amount to be raised by each and every church be fixed in the sum which is the aggregate, of 70 cents from each and every member of the same.

2. That the aggregate of Conference or consolidated collections be put down at $26,000, to be apportioned as follows: For Bishops, superannuated preachers, etc., $10,000, for education $8,000, and for missions, $8,000.

3. That as soon as the preacher arrives, it shall be the duty of the respective Boards of Stewards to meet and determine the whole amount to be raised for the support of the Church, for the Conference year, the Conference or consolidated collection excepted; that at the first Church meeting thereafter, this matter shall be brought by the stewards before the membership, that provision may be made for raising the amount required, either by

assessments upon all the members of the Church, made by the stewards and assented to by the members, or by the assumption of entirely voluntary obligations on the part of the members, to the full amount needed.

4. That collections be made monthly by the stewards, and payments made monthly by them to the preacher, the financial result of each month's operation to be reported to the monthly Church meeting. That at the stations, if deemed practicable, public collections be taken up every Sabbath morning to aid in any deficiencies which may occur.

5. That in order to further the interests of collections for the support of the preachers, &c., it shall be the duty of the stewards to bring the interests involved constantly before the membership, both privately and individually, and in congregation assembled; and that the performance of this duty is most urgently and sacredly enjoined, its observance being made the test of good stewardship.

6. That it shall be the duty of the stewards to assist the pastor in raising the amount of the Conference or consolidated collection, and, as far as possible, to see to it that the amount come not short of that required.

A. A. GILBERT,
Ch'm Com. of Laymen S. C. Conference.

APPROPRIATIONS.

CONFERENCE.		BISHOPS.
Charleston District, -	$1,100	$175
Bamberg, -	1,100	75
Marion, -	1,100	175
Columbia, -	1,100	175
Cokesbury, -	1,100	175
Greenville, -	600	75
Spartanburg, -	800	150
Shelby, -	800	100
Wadesboro' -	800	100
	$8,500	$1,200

Thos. Raysor in Acc't with the Board of Domestic Missions of South Carolina Conference.

Dr.

Charleston Dist.	$265 70
Bamberg "	235 85
Columbia "	220 53
Greenville "	67 70
Cokesbury "	577 45
Spartanburg "	170 10
Marion "	202 65
Wadesboro' "	113 85
Shelby "	52 20
Anniversary Collection	605 22
Special donation from Greenville.	500 00
Total	$3,011 25

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Paid Dr. McFerrin, for Parent Board	$249 60	
" Greenville Dist.	479 46	
" Bamberg "	479 46	
" Marion "	479 46	
" Charleston "	283 31	
" Cokesbury "	174 34	
" Spartanburg "	141 65	
" Wadesboro' "	370 49	
" Columbia "	152 55	
" Shelby "	185 24	
" F. M. Kennedy by special direction	15 00	3,010 56
Total	$3,010 56	
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